

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 455  
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Ronnie L. Meador on the occasion  
of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie L. Meador is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for 32 years with Robertson County Schools, the last five as Director of Schools; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meador will be taking a much deserved retirement on June 30, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Meador graduated from Westmoreland High School in 1969 and received his Bachelor of Science in Education and his Master of Arts degree in Administration and Supervision from Austin Peay State University in 1973 and 1977, respectively; he also has more than 45 hours toward an Ed.D degree; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meador taught Tennessee History, World History, and World Geography at Westside Elementary School from 1973-77 and served as Principal at West Side from 1977-94; moving up the administrative ladder, he served as Supervisor of Elementary Education for one year and then added Director of Personnel to his duties, serving in that capacity until 1999, when he assumed the added duties of Assistant Director of Schools. He was appointed as Director of School for Robertson County in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Meador is an active and important part of his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations, including the Robertson County, Tennessee, and Nashville Education Associations; the Tennessee and the National Associations of Elementary School Principals; the National Association of Secondary School Principals; the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; and the Tennessee Association for

School Supervision and Administration; he also stood as President of the Robertson County Principal Association and Coordinator of the "First Year Teacher Award" and the "Teacher of the Year Award". He has also sponsored the implementation of the system wide annual Science Fair Committee, Art Fair Committee, and Spelling Contest Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meador is involved in his community as an active and committed member of Springfield Baptist Church, which he serves as a member of the Kindergarten Committee and the Scholarship Committee; he also is Past President and Past Secretary/Treasurer of the Springfield Optimist Club and Past Lieutenant Governor of the Tennessee District of Optimist International; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Meador has also found time to serve on the Agricultural Community Extension Advisory Committee, coach Little League/Big League Softball, serve as Director of the Springfield Girls' Little League Softball Program, and has served as assistant coach of the Springfield High School Girls' Softball from 1989-91; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meador has engaged in numerous school related activities and programs and professional organization activities; no stranger to honors and accolades, this former Beta Club member has received the Merit Educator Award from the Robertson County Education Association, the Outstanding Young Educators Award from the Springfield Jaycees, and the award for Outstanding and Dedicated service from the Springfield Little League; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Meador exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Meador has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Ronnie L. Meador our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.